

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

CARLI et al.

Serial No.: to be assigned

Filing Date: September 30, 2003

For: Disk Prosthesis for Cervical Vertebrae With Controlled Clearance

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the fees and issuance the first official action, please amend the above-captioned application as follows: